

MALAK ALSAYYAD

TRILINGUAL DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER & VISUAL JOURNALIST | CAIRO, EGYPT

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PORTFOLIO

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EDU

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM - NY, USA
M.S. in Journalism, Documentary Specialization 2021 - 2023
White House Correspondents' Association Scholar

WELLESLEY COLLEGE - MA, USA
B.A. in Cinema & Media Studies, Media Arts + Sciences 2015 - 2019
Davis United World College Scholar, Albright Institute for Global Affairs Fellow

LANGUAGES

English | German | Arabic

SKILLS

Camera: C200, FX6, A7SIII
Adobe: Pr, Ps, Ae, Id & Ai

PRODUCTION

DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, EDITOR & CINEMATOGRAPHER
I TOLD YOU SO (2023) | Documentary, 27 min (US/EGYPT) 2021 - PRESENT

An intimate investigation into living with chronic pain, while fighting doctors, medical skeptics and that little voice inside your head telling you that you're crazy!

- DOC NYC U Award 2023 | DOC NYC - NYC, NY, US
- Best Film Award & Audience Award 2024 | Zawya Shorts - Cairo, Egypt
- Best Film w/ Impact Award 2024 | Aswan International Women FF - Aswan, Egypt
- Best of the Fest (Documentary) 2024 | Superfest Disability Film Fest - SF, CA, US
- Official Selection | MedFest Egypt 2024 - Cairo, Egypt (Sept 2024)
- Official Selection | Oran Arab International Film Fest - Oran, Algeria (Oct 2024)

FILMMAKER & MULTIMEDIA REPORTER
FREELANCE - GERMANY, US, EGYPT 2019 - PRESENT

• Currently in production as cinematographer/reporter in Egypt for documentary by a multi-Emy award-winning director, focused on health & human rights

See Portfolio for various journalistic, documentary and commercial projects

Previous film credits include:

- Erden, Dir. Celina Schmidt (2022) | Special Effects
- Tarik's Spiel (2021), Dir. Süheyla Schwenk | 2nd Camera Assistant
- Ara by Khebez Dawle (2020) | Editor, Special Effects

WORK

TRANSLATOR & SUBTITLER
FREELANCE - GERMANY, US, EGYPT 2017 - PRESENT

- Subtitling raw footage and documentary films (Arabic > English)
- Translating legal documents (Arabic > English) for international law firm
- Translated the 1st Female Voices in Exile by sasha waltz & guests (Arabic > German)

EXECUTIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
DOX BOX eV - BERLIN, GERMANY (INACTIVE DUE TO COVID FEB-SEP 2020) SEP 2019 - MAR 2021

- Managed office administration and bookkeeping
- Edited content for director and programs

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER
WOMEN MAKE FILM by elbarlament - BERLIN, GERMANY OCT 2020 - JAN 2021

- Designed and implemented social media & communication strategy
- Generated high engagement at virtual event and garnered press attention
- Co-developed trilingual website (Arabic, English, Kurdish)

INTERNSHIPS

VIDEO & GRAPHIC DESIGN / PUBLICITY INTERN
DONGOLA PUBLISHING - LIMITED EDITIONS - BEIRUT, LEBANON JUN - AUG 2018

- Created visual content to publicize released artists' books
- Directed and edited promotional video for new artist book

EDITORIAL TEAM INTERN & TRANSLATOR
WIR MACHEN DAS MAGAZIN - BERLIN, GERMANY SEP - DEC 2017

- Supported the editorial team in planning and editing texts for publishing
- Wrote and translated online articles - Arabic > English & German > English

SOCIAL MEDIA & PUBLICITY INTERN
CENTER FOR CROSS CULTURAL LEARNING - RABAT, MOROCCO JUN - AUG 2017

- Created social media content in Arabic & English
- Redesigned website & devised consistent brand around existing logo

COMMUNICATIONS INTERN
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - AMMAN, JORDAN JUN - AUG 2016

- Documented stories of alumni of UNDP Arab States' Youth Leadership Program

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